

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**\* DECEMBER 2010 FLOODING \***

**WHEREAS**, between December 18, 2010 and December 22, 2010 a series of heavy rainstorms causing flash floods damaged many locations in northwestern Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, the heavy rains resulted in significant flooding causing extreme peril to public health and safety to the residents of the Beaver Dam/Littlefield and the Town of Colorado City in Mohave County; and

**WHEREAS**, the heavy storms resulted in abnormally high flow of water in a tributary of the Virgin River in the Beaver Dam/Littlefield area; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding created considerable damage to public and private properties, including the destruction of a lift station that is an essential part of the sewer system which serves the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the destruction of the lift station and sewer line caused a release of untreated sewage into the Virgin River until emergency protective measures could be taken; and

**WHEREAS**, several all-weather crossings of the Short Creek in Colorado City have damaged roads that provide critical services and access to residents, leaving only one main route of ingress and egress; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage caused by the flooding has necessitated the closure of the affected roads for an indeterminate amount of time due to the extent of damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors declared an emergency for the County due to flooding and the condition of extreme peril to public health and the safety of County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the flooding event in the Beaver Dam/Littlefield area and Town of Colorado City justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Mohave County, specifically in the Beaver Dam/Littlefield area and the Town of Colorado City due to flooding, effective December 18-22, 2010; and

- b. Direct that the sum of \$100,000 from the General Fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the funds be expended to assist the Town of Colorado City and the Virgin River Domestic Wastewater Improvement District to repair public infrastructure that was damaged to their facilities; and
- d. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of January in the Year Two Thousand Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State

